pleased to refer to the Budget Speech (1988-89) Point 177(f) where special mention was made of raising Customs Duty on Customs Tariff Item 2208.10 as an anti-evasion matter and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that no items are being imported under Tariff Item 3302.10 which has a much lower rate of import duty;

(b) whether Government propose to consider raising the import duty on 3302.10 to the level of 2208.10 as an anti-evasion measure; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Import of items falling under sub-heading No. 3302.10 of the Customs Tariff is insignificant. The level of import of these items does not indicate that there is any evasion warranting corrective action by way of increasing the duty to the level of duty applicable to items falling under sub-heading No. 2208.10 of the Customs Tariff.

Export of Cotton from Andhra Pradesh

2404. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the quality and quantity of cotton exported from Andhra Pradesh and the amount of foreign exchange earned thereby during 1985 to 1988, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to find out new markets for export of cotton; and

(c) if so what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Andhra Pradesh State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd. exported about 7,000 bales of cotton valued at Rs. 2.08 crores in 1985-86. There were no exports by the Federation in 1986-87 and 1987-88.

(b) and (c) The exports of cotton have been traditionally to Japan, South Korea, Hongkong, Poland etc. In 1986-87, new markets were developed in Turkey, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Belgium etc.

Customs Duty on Computers

2405. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the customs duty on computers, computer systems and peripherals;

(b) whether it is a fact that computer systems for educational and research institutions have to bear 98 per cent duty instead of zero per cent;

(c) whether the same duty rate holds good for the Super Computer; and

(d) whether Government propose to waive the duty for producing computer systems for educational institutions and producing super-computer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The import duty on computers, computer systems and peripherals is 90 per cent ad-valorem. The same rate is applicable in the case of computer systems for educational institutions. However, research institutions not engaged in any commercial activity can import computer systems duty-free in terms of notification No. 70/81-Customs dated the 28th March, 1981.